

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR "FIRM BACKGROUND" SESSION

FRIDAY EVENING, 2 MARCH 1956

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1. Is it an accurate estimate to say that the shift in Soviet policy means that the Soviet plan is as follows:

a. Destroy NATO.

b. Neutralize West Germany and the Scandinavian countries; get Popular Front governments in Italy and France and other Western European countries; and aim for a Republic of Great Britain under socialist (labor) control.

c. Help uprisings in all negro-Africa against Western ties, and have the Arab countries come under control of Arabs friendly to and cooperating with the Kremlin.

d. Neutralize Japan and intensify efforts to make India even more pro-Soviet.

e. Isolate the United States and cause us to withdraw our troops and bases to our own continental borders.

f. Infiltrate economically and politically Central and South America and make a gulf between North and South America.

g. Compete economically with the U.S. by grants and loans in the Middle East and in Southeast Asia.

2. Will changes in Communist China (policy and government) follow now as an aftermath of the Soviet policy change, so that the two are a loose "team"?

3. If avoidance of war is the Soviet aim only to permit it to gain world domination by economic and political means, what do we in the U.S. do to keep from being put on the defensive in this cold war phase?

4. Khrushchev spoke of "Socialist states," and "peace-loving nations", and "neutralist nations", and of parliamentary institutions in the West that "may become organs of genuine democracy" and provide a means for transition to Socialism. Identify the states and nations to which he refers.

5. How do we counter the Soviet plan to have non-Communists cooperate with Communists now that Communists will decry dictatorship, colonialism, the use of force, and preach peace and prosperity under Socialism?

6. Won't the promise of a <sup>hour day</sup> ~~7-day-week~~ affect American labor-management relations to the benefit of Communist Russia by causing confusion and conflict in the U.S.?

7. Was the United States "caught short" by the confident, all-embracing, peace and prosperity and "democratic parliamentary" views of the Communist Party?

8. Will the anti-NATO people in Adenauer's government prevent rearmament of West Germany now that a coalition of Socialists and Free Democrats have overturned the North Rhine-Westphalia government?
9. Are Communists, directed from France, the cause of the student uprising in Spain?
10. Are Brazil, Argentina, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, and even Cuba very shaky, politically, now and fertile fields for Communist-inspired uprisings?
11. Are there any indications that the Soviet is about to furnish arms to India?
12. More aid to Pakistan, including U.S. arms, is being urged by some U.S. groups, while others want none of this but to give such aid to India. Are the Communists involved in this U.S. difference?
13. Are West Germany and Greece and India and Japan moving away from their friendly ties with the West and looking more and more toward the Soviet?
14. Should there be war in the Middle East, would it be most likely, as things now appear, to start on the Syrian-Israeli border? Why?
15. What, if anything, can the U.S. do if Communist China offers to buy large quantities of Thailand's huge rice surplus and thus carried out the new penetration policy of the Kremlin?
16. With Canada and Russia in a deal whereby Russia buys surplus wheat from Canada, won't the next step be a weakening of U.S.-Canadian relations if Russia insists and Canada agrees to furnish aluminum, nickel and copper to Russia, all metals which the U.S. needs?
17. A year ago at this time Admiral Carney, now retired, was quoted as prophesying Communist Chinese attacks by April (last April) on the Matsu-Quemoy area. The attack has not come. Is the Communist Chinese capability greater now and is an attack more likely to come as the Commies get stronger? Any ideas on Communist Chinese intentions as to when they will attack since they are publicly committed to the retaking of Formosa and can't do so unless they take out the Matsus and Quemoy?
18. Are you for or against the Mansfield Bill?
19. When will your new building be completed?
20. Have you had any meetings with the President's Committee of Consultants that is headed by President Killian of MIT? How can you get any work done with all these investigations -- Doolittle, Hoover, now the President's group?
21. Is Russia ahead of us in the ballistics missile field? Do they have the 1500-mile missile?
22. What are the comparative military strengths of Israel and the Arab countries?